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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1-18 (canceled)

19. (currently amended) A method for completing a purchase order/invoice, comprising the steps of:

- allowing a buyer to select among a plurality of documents associated with a proposed transaction;
- allowing the buyer to indicate requirements of trade terms of an agreement relating to the documents selected, wherein the trade terms are presented to a seller on an electronic form via an electronic document platform, such that the electronic form includes a combined purchase order proforma invoice, an electronic transportation document, and an electronic shipping document, wherein the electronic shipping document includes one of an insurance certificate, an inspection certificate, a certificate of origin, an invoice/declaration, a counselor's invoice, a sanction and boycott declaration, a packing list, a weight list, a lab test report, and a beneficiary certificate;
- permitting the seller to amend the trade terms on the electronic form;
- creating a new version of the electronic form delineating the trade terms upon each amendment;
- allowing a negotiation of the trade terms between the buyer and the seller electronically;
- generating electronically and displaying the negotiated electronic form detailing the negotiation of the trade terms;
- permitting a digital signature of the electronic form detailing the negotiation of the trade terms;
- performing a compliance check, wherein the compliance check is triggered automatically in response to the digital signature of the electronic form, and wherein the compliance check includes both checking the combined purchase order proforma invoice against the electronic transportation document and checking the electronic transportation document against the electronic shipping document; and
- initiating payment to the seller only after receiving a verification of credit of the buyer.

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20. (previously presented) The method as recited in claim 19, wherein the form includes a first section indicating the terms, a second section for allowing the buyer to sign off on the terms, and a third section for allowing the seller to sign off on the terms.
21. (previously presented) The method as recited in claim 19, wherein the form is displayed after the negotiation of the terms in response to the selection of an icon.
22. (previously presented) The method as recited in claim 19, and further comprising the step of displaying the documents supporting the form.
23. (previously presented) The method as recited in claim 19, and further comprising the step of automatically sending the form to a database utilizing a network in response to the buyer and seller finishing the signing of the form.
24. (previously presented) The method as recited in claim 19, wherein the payment is completed only after checking the form and receipt of payment authorization from the buyer.
25. (canceled)
26. (previously presented) The method as recited in claim 19, and further comprising the step of filtering the trade terms of the form, and outputting the form with only the trade terms included after filtering.
27. (previously presented) The method as recited in claim 19, and further comprising the step of allowing generation of standard documents associated with the form to be used therewith.
28. (previously presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the electronic transportation document includes a bill of lading, including an airway bill of lading, an ocean bill of lading, or a truck bill of lading.
29. (previously presented) The method as recited in claim 19, and further comprising the step of creating commercial shipping documents utilizing input from the seller.

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30. (currently amended) A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium for creating a finalized document, comprising:

- a code segment for allowing a buyer to select among a plurality of documents associated with a proposed transaction;
- a code segment for allowing the buyer to indicate requirements of trade terms of an agreement relating to the documents selected, wherein the trade terms are presented to a seller on an electronic form via an electronic document platform, such that the electronic form includes a combined purchase order proforma invoice, an electronic transportation document, and an electronic shipping document, wherein the electronic shipping document includes one of an insurance certificate, an inspection certificate, a certificate of origin, an invoice/declaration, a counselor's invoice, a sanction and boycott declaration, a packing list, a weight list, a lab test report, and a beneficiary certificate;
- a code segment for permitting the seller to amend the trade terms on the electronic form;
- a code segment for creating a new version of the electronic form delineating the trade terms upon each amendment;
- a code segment for allowing a negotiation of the trade terms between the buyer and the seller electronically;
- a code segment for generating electronically and displaying the negotiated electronic form detailing the negotiation of the trade terms;
- a code segment for permitting a digital signature of the electronic form detailing the negotiation of the trade terms;
- a code segment for performing a compliance check, wherein the compliance check is triggered automatically in response to the digital signature of the electronic form, and wherein the compliance check includes both checking the combined purchase order proforma invoice against the electronic transportation document and checking the electronic transportation document against the electronic shipping document; and
- a code segment for initiating payment to the seller only after receiving a verification of credit of the buyer.

31. (previously presented) The computer program as recited in claim 30, wherein the form includes a first section indicating the terms, a second section for allowing the buyer to sign off on the terms, and a third section for allowing the seller to sign off on the terms.

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32. (previously presented) The computer program as recited in claim 30, wherein the form is displayed after the negotiation of the terms in response to the selection of an icon.
33. (previously presented) The computer program as recited in claim 30, and further comprising a code segment for displaying the documents supporting the form.
34. (previously presented) The computer program as recited in claim 30, and further comprising a code segment for automatically sending the form to a database utilizing a network in response to the buyer and seller finishing the signing of the form.
35. (previously presented) The computer program as recited in claim 30, wherein the payment is completed only after checking the form and receipt of payment authorization from the buyer.
36. (canceled)
37. (previously presented) The computer program as recited in claim 30, and further comprising a code segment for filtering the trade terms of the form, and outputting the form with only the trade terms included after filtering.
38. (previously presented) The computer program as recited in claim 30, and further comprising a code segment for allowing generation of standard documents associated with the form to be used therewith.
39. (previously presented) The computer program of claim 30, wherein the electronic transportation document includes a bill of lading, including an airway bill of lading, an ocean bill of lading, or a truck bill of lading.
40. (previously presented) The computer program as recited in claim 30, and further comprising a code segment for creating commercial shipping documents utilizing input from the seller.

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41. (currently amended) A system for creating a finalized document, comprising:
- logic for allowing a buyer to select among a plurality of documents associated with a proposed transaction;
 - logic for allowing the buyer to indicate requirements of trade terms of an agreement relating to the documents selected, wherein the trade terms are presented to a seller on an electronic form via an electronic document platform, such that the electronic form includes a combined purchase order proforma invoice, an electronic transportation document, and an electronic shipping document, wherein the electronic shipping document includes one of an insurance certificate, an inspection certificate, a certificate of origin, an invoice/declaration, a counselor's invoice, a sanction and boycott declaration, a packing list, a weight list, a lab test report, and a beneficiary certificate;
 - logic for permitting the seller to amend the trade terms on the electronic form;
 - logic for creating a new version of the electronic form delineating the trade terms upon each amendment;
 - logic for allowing a negotiation of the trade terms between a buyer and a seller electronically;
 - logic for generating electronically and displaying the negotiated electronic form detailing the negotiations of the terms;
 - logic for permitting the digital signature of the electronic form detailing the negotiations of the terms;
 - logic for performing a compliance check, wherein the compliance check is triggered automatically in response to the digital signature of the electronic form, and wherein the compliance check includes both checking the combined purchase order proforma invoice against the electronic transportation document and checking the electronic transportation document against the electronic shipping document; and
 - logic for initiating payment to the seller only after receiving a verification of credit of the buyer.
42. (previously presented) The system as recited in claim 41, wherein the form includes a first section indicating the terms, a second section for allowing the buyer to sign off on the terms, and a third section for allowing the seller to sign off on the terms.

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43. (previously presented) The system as recited in claim 41, wherein the form is displayed after the negotiation of the terms in response to the selection of an icon.
44. (previously presented) The system as recited in claim 41, and further comprising logic for displaying the documents supporting the form.
45. (previously presented) The system as recited in claim 41, and further comprising logic for automatically sending the form to a database utilizing a network in response to the buyer and seller finishing the signing of the form.
46. (previously presented) The system as recited in claim 41, wherein the payment is completed only after checking the form and receipt of payment authorization from the buyer.
47. (canceled)
48. (previously presented) The system as recited in claim 41, and further comprising logic for filtering the trade terms of the form, and outputting the form with only the trade terms included after filtering.
49. (previously presented) The system as recited in claim 41, and further comprising logic for allowing generation of standard documents associated with the form to be used therewith.
50. (previously presented) The system of claim 41, wherein the electronic transportation document includes a bill of lading, including an airway bill of lading, an ocean bill of lading, or a truck bill of lading.
51. (previously presented) The system as recited in claim 41, and further comprising logic for creating commercial shipping documents utilizing input from the seller.